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Musings Of A Commissioner

by Robert H. Henderson
South West Region

The week end after Labor Day, Clan Henderson again showed the tartan at the Longs Peak Scottish Highland Festival in Estes Park, Colorado.

After our Annual General Meeting here last year I thought there might be a sort of let down—Not!

So! We had another fantastic year. We had as many register as we had at the AGM. We enrolled 21 new members. Sixteen were for the southwest region and five were for three other regions.

As I observed all in and about the tent I reflected back to when Mary and I did it all. Then Buzz McEldowney and his family joined and became active. Each year was better and better. More cousins used the tent as headquarters. More and more started to help out when things became hectic. This year I served as a parade judge and field judge and was absent part of the time. Buzz, his wife and sister, my Mary, our new convenors Pam and Dennis Young, and Steve and Sally Brown all happily helped out when and where needed.

There was never a dull moment, lots of conversation and laughter. No matter how hectic it got or how tired we became it was fun. We see some members each year only at the Longs Peak Festival. Friendships that languished over the year were renewed. Some heads were a bit grayer and children older and noisier or more sedate—depending upon their age. Genealogical data was exchanged and news of family trials and triumphs shared.

Our president, Russ Henderson, has written frequently about "Participation and Involvement." This year I truly felt that we had really achieved something special. In the past we had been so involved in

running the tent that we may have lost sight of why we do this. For me the warm feeling that I felt in observing the friendship and laughter and the genuine enjoyment of each others company was a wonderful sensation. The work and worry expended in the past was of no importance. The feeling of family was so strong and evident.

One person, while looking at our display and observing our camaraderie stated, "I am not a Henderson but I sure wish I were so I could be part of all this." That is indeed a true accolade.

I only hope and pray that others can enjoy that warmth and sense of belonging that I experienced.

Thanks be to God.

Commissioners Award

by Bob Henderson

This year as Commissioner of the South West Region, I was pleased to present the Commissioners Award to three members of this region.

The presentation was made just after the Clan Henderson walk-about at the Longs Peak Scottish Highland Festival on 6 September 1997. There were about 30 Hendersons and five pipers from the El Jebel Pipes and Drums present.

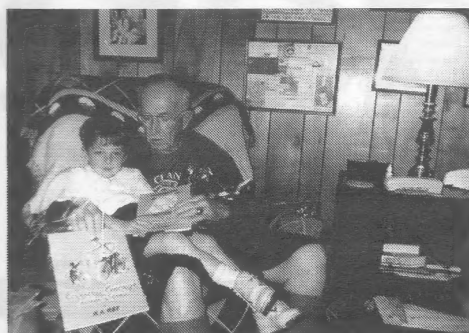
The individuals recognized were:

Collene McNally
Linda McEldowney
John R. Bergquist

All three have given unstintingly of their time and have worked hard to help Clan Henderson to grow. They have brought credit to our Society and to the Celtic community.

You are invited to the **Alexandria Christmas Walk** on **6 December 1997** in Alexandria, Virginia. Come to the corner of Wilkes and South Asaph Street before 10:00 a.m.~ you will be able to find us from there. We will also hold our Ceilidh that evening at the home of Regional Commissioner Lee and Dottie Henderson. Call (410) 647-3160

Clan Mail



Robert T. "Papa" Henderson, Sr., in his kilt reading to his grandson, Matthew Hunter Gramm, 5 years old—son of Mrs. Rebecca Henderson Gramm. Matthew has participated in the children's events at the Savannah Scottish Games with his older brother James Hamrick Gramm III, who is 8 years old.



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In a recent letter to Clan Genealogist Horace Loftin, Robert T. Henderson, Sr., of Savannah, Georgia, wrote reminiscing about the early years at Grandfather Mountain Highland Games when Hendersons didn't meet there—he joined Clan Gunn to have a place for fellowship. He was glad that the society was formed and impressed with the growth of the Clan in just nine years.

He inclosed several pictures (one is to the left) to help Horace to know what he looked like. Then, as in Horace's column on page 6, he reminded Horace that his ancestor was Thomas Henderson and his wife Eliza Geary who came to Savannah from County Kildare by way of New York in 1842.

How can you not respond when letters like this one come in every month; when we constantly point out that our mission is to help members with their genealogy; and when we repeat the need for all members to send in their pedigree charts.

What you know, others may not—yet. What you don't know, others may, and be able to help you.

Please keep in mind, that most people haven't gotten around to sharing what they know about their family; and keep in mind that every little piece of information helps.

Please send however little you know of your family information to Dr. Horace Loftin, 218 Greenwood Drive, Panama City, FL 32407.

Address Changes go here as well, not to An Canach

Now that you know all about the dues, isn't this a great time of year!

As we once again come into the Christmas Season and you are remembering your Henderson relatives ~

Give them their very own membership in the Clan Henderson Society.

Heritage was their past, now it is their future.



The Do's and Don't's of Dues

Clan Henderson dues are
US \$10 per year per family
CDN \$12 per year per family
(Family includes Henderson and spouse and children under 18)



Your year begins when you join.

While there are no
Life Memberships,

you may pay for several years at a time—please advise the purpose of your overpayment..

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For Members who wish to enroll other members of their family (e.g., parents, grown children)

Please contact your

Regional Commissioner
for a membership application.

The completed application
may be sent to
the Commissioner
or directly to

Harry J. Keifer
Secretary

4511 Ridgeland Drive
Lilburn, GA 30247

Clan Activity In North Carolina

by Mack Henderson III

Loch Norman Pipe Band Considers Henderson Tartan

At this writing, the Loch Norman Pipe Band is seriously considering adopting the Henderson tartan. At the Grandfather Mountain Games, Chieftain Claude Henderson spoke with LNPB business manager Timmi Hord concerning support by Clan Henderson. A number of Henderson Clansmen made it clear to the pipe band that we wanted nothing better than to see them in our tartan. We are now anxiously awaiting the band's decision.

Waxhaw Games and Hopewell Kirking

The last weekend in October is time for the Waxhaw Highland Games. The games are a one day event on Saturday and are held just south of Charlotte, North Carolina. Local Clan Henderson members have been trying to turn the games into a two day event for our clansmen by assisting in the Scottish Heritage day at Hopewell Presbyterian Church. Each year, we have been fortunate to have more clansmen attend and we are very grateful for their support. We hope many of you will consider attending the games this year. Last year the church provided a free barbecue dinner on Saturday night and the Loch Norman band provided some traditional music afterwards.

Carolinas' Carrousel Parade

Cousin L.D. Bass is the coordinator for the Scottish contingent in the Carrousel Parade held in Charlotte on Thanksgiving Day. The Carrousel Parade is the largest parade in either North and South Carolina. Last year, thanks to L.D.'s efforts, we turned out about seventy-five marchers in various clan tartans. This year we expect to have at least one complete pipes and drums band,, along with a color guard followed by a host of marchers each carrying their clan tartan banner. We're hoping for 200 marchers this year. It would be great if we had enough Hendersons to form our own sub-unit. If you'd like to confirm a place in line, call L.D. Bass at (704) 362-2874.

Fountain Green, UT

Dear Cousin,

My name is Bruce D. Henderson and I was most happy and excited this past week to learn of the existence of Clan Henderson Society. Through fate or providence, the copy of July's An Canach that should have gone to Marel Henderson Wallace of Provo ended up in my office mail box in Provo.

I have sought out my Henderson ancestry for years. I was born and raised in Detroit, Michigan (but decided that rural Utah was a better place to raise a family). My father, Arthur Stanley Hendereon was born in St. Catherines, Ontario, Canada and his father, Arthur Richard Henderson, came directly from London, England. My great grandfather, John Henderson, was born in 1832 at Wideopen, Northumberland, up near the Scottish border. My search for Hendersons was stopped at that point but I have other non-Henderson lines that go back into the 1500s.

Bruce D. Henderson

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Editor:

While I was recently in Oregon, I discovered a Henderson "Lost Soul", that maybe someone knows more about. Alongside the Oregon Trail, about 1/2 mile from the Malheur River in Eastern Oregon, is the gravesite of John D. Henderson. There is no age given, and the only information available is that "he left Independence, Missouri, in May of 1852, with an un-named companion." He died either of thirst, or of "black measles"....two different signs give two different causes of death.

The "un-named companion" lingered long enough to bury John, and to carve his name in a large granite rock (presumably) over his grave—giving only his name and date of death, 1852. I took several pictures of the gravesite, and if anybody claims John and would like to have a copy, please contact me. I would also like to know more about who he was, if anyone has that information.

Sincerely,

Rondie Yancey

More Clan Mail

To EdAnCan@aol.com

How's it going with you folks? Stuff here has certainly been hectic. Exams just got completed along with starting a new job at Wal-Mart. I just don't have much time anymore... but that keeps life exciting I suppose. As you probably know, I have been made Bodyguard Leader for the Great Lakes region. It's quite an honor to be sure and I can't wait to wear my kilt and perhaps my sword to Fergus later this summer. I got my sporran the other day so my outfit is complete. On top of all that I also have been recently elected Student Council President in my High School. The entire student body, which is only about 190 kids, was on their feet at the end of my speech. It was a land slide too—157 to 30. Just wanted to keep you informed on the happenings in Northern Michigan. Talk to you later.

Sincerely,

David Henderson

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McKendree College Becomes First Organization To Join Clan Henderson

by Charles B. Henderson
Convenor



The Henderson tartan was on display and bagpipes filled the air at McKendree College in Lebanon, Illinois, on 26 August, when the school became the first institutional member of Clan Henderson. The college is named for William McKendree, the first American-born Bishop of the Methodist Episcopal Church. Standing (left to right): Charles Henderson, Clan Convenor; Kelly Franklin, president of the Student Government Association at the college; and Dr. James M. Dennis, president of McKendree College.



On Tuesday, 26 August, Clan Henderson officially welcomed McKendree College in Lebanon, Illinois, as our first organizational member. McKendree is located in southwestern Illinois, about 25 miles east of St. Louis, Missouri. With a student population of about 1,000, it is the oldest college in Illinois. Founded in 1828 as the Lebanon Seminary, the school was named for William McKendree, the first American-born bishop of the Methodist Episcopal Church. He was born in King William County, Virginia, on 6 July 1757, and was the oldest of eight children of John and Mary McKendree, both Virginia natives.

In 1830, he gave 480 acres of land in the Shiloh Valley to the seminary and, in March of that year, a resolution was passed to change the name to McKendree College. In its 1997-98 student guide, The Institutional Research Evaluation Act, Inc. recognizes McKendree College as one of "America's 100 Best Student Buys."

In my remarks at the convocation, I quoted from Proverbs 21:1: "A good name is to be chosen rather than great riches." I noted that we were recognizing the good name of McKendree and Henderson as one and the same that day. Injecting some humor as well, I answered the question that was on their minds, but that they were probably afraid to ask: "Yes, I do have underwear under my kilt!" In addition, I told the students and faculty that although the kilt and bagpipes are sometimes the most visible icons of Scotland and her people, they have given the world many other gifts, notably television, the telephone, the bicycle, golf, and the first cloned animal. As far as contributions to America itself, I reminded them that half of the signers of the Declaration of Independence were of Scottish descent and that three-fourths of our nation's presidents can trace their ancestry to Scotland.

Accepting the membership certificate on behalf of the college was McKendree's president, Dr. James L. Dennis, who noted the derivation of Henderson from the original Scots-Gaelic name of McEanruig. As I presented the certificate to Dr. Dennis, I signified my desire that the relationship between

McKendree College and Clan Henderson would be mutually beneficial and rewarding.

The convocation was held in the late afternoon on the lawn of the college, amid stately oaks and framed by the college's historic, red brick chapel. As the convocation ended and the recessional began, Bishop McKendree's final words came to mind: "All is well."

My thanks to Chan Kennedy, a piper with St. Louis' Invera'an Pipe Band, and Stu Wemhoener, a drummer with the St. Andrew's Society of Central Illinois, who supplied music for the event. Many thanks also to Paul Whitty in Louisville, who graciously loaned me his Henderson kilt, and Doug Henderson, Clan commissioner for the Great Lakes Region, who sent the Henderson flags and banners.

I must recognize Lon Smith, Director of Campus Activities at McKendree, who was the inspiration for this event, perservering throughout the whole effort, particularly as we scrambled to find pipers and drummers for the convocation at the college.

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Bishop William McKendree

by Steven Keller, August 1997

McKendree College is named in honor of William McKendree, the first American-born bishop of the Methodist-Episcopal Church. William was born in King William County, Virginia, 6 July 1757, to John and Mary McKendree, both Virginia natives.

William was the oldest of eight children; the others being Lucinda, Dorothea, Frances, John, Thomas, James and Nancy.

The McKendrees trace their roots to Scotland and are descendants of the Clan MacEanruig (pronounced MacKenrick). Anglicized variations of the name—which means “son of Henry”—include: Henderson, MacKendry and other variants. The “Mac” is the Gaelic word for “son” and occurs as Mac, Mc, and M’ in Scottish and Irish patronymic surnames.

The various sons of Henry today all belong to Clan Henderson. The Chief of the Name and Arms of Henderson is an Australian physician, Dr. John William Philp Henderson of Fordell.

After a “fair rudimentary education” (Paine, 28), William worked with his father as a planter in Virginia. He served in the Revolutionary War, attaining the rank Adjutant in General George Washington’s army. It is also reputed that William was present at the surrender of Cornwallis.

At the age of nineteen William was converted to the Methodist-Episcopal Church—he had been raised as a member of the Church of England. At thirty-one he became a preacher. He became a helper on the Mecklenburg circuit in 1788, and although he undertook the work “with some misgivings, the year’s experiences convinced him that he was divinely called to spread the knowledge of salvation” (Starr, 86).

William was ordained a deacon in June 1799 by Francis Asbury, the first bishop of the Methodist Episcopal Church. As a traveling pastor,



W. M. McKendree

William spent the next twenty years on circuits mainly in Virginia. In the year 1800, he was put in charge of the vast region including western Virginia, Ohio, Kentucky, along with sections of Illinois, Tennessee and Mississippi.

William was elected bishop at the General Conference of 1808, becoming the first American-born bishop of the Methodist Episcopal Church. Bishop McKendree was a strong but fair leader, establishing a “cabinet” of elders that has remained an institution of the General Conference to this time. At the General Conference of 1812, Bishop McKendree presented his views on prevailing conditions within the Church and this “Episcopal” address has become a staple of that Conference.

Bishop McKendree, although in failing health, continued to make long journeys to his faithful almost to the end of his life. He died at the home of his brother, James McKendree, in Sumner County, Tennessee, 5 March 1835, at the age of seventy-eight. His last words were: “All is well.” He was buried in the McKendree family cemetery in Sumner County, Tennessee, and was later re-interred on the campus of Vanderbilt University in Nashville, next to his friend and colleague, Bishop Joshua Soule.

The author of the *Centennial McKendree College History* described the Bishop’s personal appearance as “impressive. He was nearly six feet tall, with robust frame and weighed about one hundred and sixty pounds. He had abundance of dark hair and keen yet kindly eyes” (97).

McKendree College was founded in 1828 as the Lebanon Seminary. In 1830, Bishop McKendree gave 480 acres of land in Shiloh Valley to the Seminary. In March of that year, at a meeting of the Board of Managers, a resolution was passed to change the name of the Seminary to McKendree College in honor of the Bishop.

In 1986, Leslie McKendree Millholin, Jr., a friend of the College and three times great nephew of Bishop McKendree, donated a stained glass window to the College. The window was installed in Holman Library in July 1987. This lovely work of art from the Jacoby Art Glass Studios in California, depicts Bishop McKendree on horseback flanked by Bothwell Chapel to the right (looking from inside the library), and an early college building to the left. At the bottom of the window is Bishop McKendree’s timeline and references to two of the Bishop’s favorite Bible verses—

Matthew 7:12 “Treat others the way you would have them treat you: this sums up the law and the Prophets,”

and

John 3:16 “Yes, God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in Him may not die but may have eternal life,”

(translations from the *New American Bible*, 1970).

At the top of the window is an American flag (circa 1828) to the left, and to the right, a flag containing the red cross of St. George, representing Methodism.



Clan Badge



Cottongrass
“An Canach”
Clan Plant
Badge



Henderson Roots & Twigs

by Dr. Horace Loftin, FSA Scot

Dear Cousins:

Cousin Larry Mae Phillips of Santa Rosa, California, carries Clan number 0103. She joined our infant Clan Henderson way back in 1989, and we drafted her right off to be Commissioner for the South Pacific Region. Under her tartan banner, California has grown to compete with her native Georgia for most members in the Clan. (It was ahead 152 to 146 at last count.)

Larry Mae dutifully (do you cousins hear me out there?) sent me her family data, which started with "Sandy Henderson, b 1840 in Clay County, Mississippi, d 1890 (no place given)." He had a wife Lulu (1844-1916), no further data, and nine kids named, all b Lee County, Mississippi. That's all she knew about "the founder" Sandy, and could I help her find out more?

Well, way back in 1989, the answer was "no." Our Clan data base was pitifully small, and finding a connection was an event worthy of celebration. All I could say then was that "Sandy" was very likely a nick-

name for Alexander, a good Scot's name, and that she should keep looking—as I would keep doing. Patience, I told Larry Mae, was the first virtue of a genealogist.

Time marched on. Then one day Larry Mae sent me a package of genealogical goodies which showed, to her surprise, that her Sandy had moved from

Mississippi (back?) to Floyd County, Georgia, and that apparently all of his kids were born in Georgia. A huge step forward for us! But, still, who was "Sandy" and who were his parents and from where?

After that, time only plodded on. Until just a couple of months ago, new member #1545 (a long way from Larry Mae's #103!), Jim Baucom of Middleton, Colorado, sent in his family data. This started with a John Henderson, b 1800 in Orange County, North Carolina, d ca 1849 in Floyd County, Georgia. One of old John's sons was named -- Samuel Alexander, b 1838! Rusty wheels turned in my old head. Alexander! 1838! Floyd County, Georgia! I entered Jim's genealogy on the computer and sent him a print-out, with the suggestion that he contact Larry Mae about this Samuel Alexander. Perhaps between them, they could prove that his Alexander and her Sandy were one and the same.

A few weeks later I received a copy of a letter from Jim to Larry Mae: "At this time I know you are a Cousin with a capital 'C'!" I spent almost three weeks in Alabama and Tennessee looking for ancestors.... I found a book in the archives of Morgan County, Alabama..." that proved the Sandy/Alexander connection. Further, it moved the "founder" back another generation to John Henderson b ca 1772, d after 1838 in Orange County, North Carolina.

So Larry Mae has found her Sandy, Sandy's father and his grandfather! Her genealogy now extends to eight generations. And, from what's in our Henderson data base, I'm "morally certain" that old John of Orange County, North Carolina, is connected somehow to the large family of early Hendersons of Granville County, North Carolina, and, before that, of Hanover County,

Virginia, in the 1600s! Of course, you can't do genealogy on the basis of moral certitude. So now we must be patient and await that family data from some new member -- just the bit of data we need to make the connection!



Cousin Russ phoned me the other night and mentioned in passing that the recently organized Clan Henderson Society of Scotland had collapsed. This was, he said, partly due to their requirement that prospective members prove their right (!) to be a member before being accepted. I've mentioned in this column before that several US Clans also make you prove your Scottish lineage before "granting the privilege" of Clan membership. (They also charge 30 or 40 bucks for dues!).

That's awful! Clan Henderson doesn't see things that way. Our, your, Clan Henderson is an association of folks who are proud of the Henderson heritage and who love to be with their Henderson cousins. You are not "granted the privilege" of membership; you choose to become a member. You do not have to prove your lineage; it is the goal of Clan Henderson through our genealogical service and database to help you find your genealogical heritage.

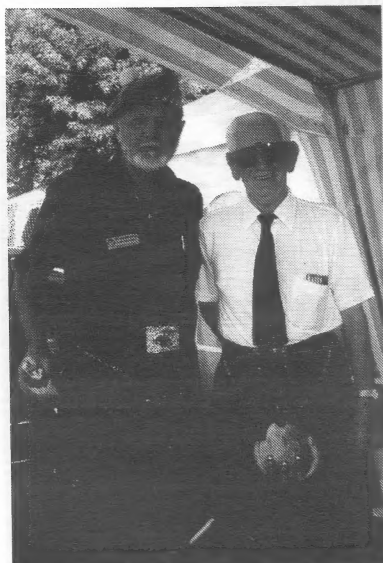
Just think! With such a philosophy of exclusiveness, Larry Mae couldn't have joined the Clan and we would have never had the fun of knowing and loving her. Clan Henderson is inclusive: if you have a drop of Henderson blood in you, you're one of us. Not to mention our own special category of membership -- "Henderson by affection!"

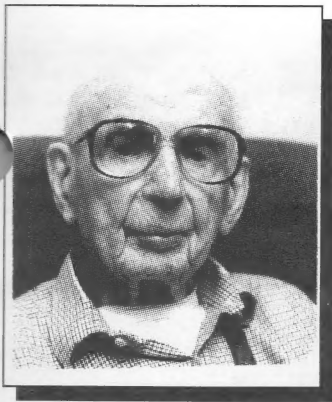
Yours aye,

Horace

*Please submit your
Henderson line genealogical
information to Horace*

*Update previous submission
if you need to.*





David Henderson at 107

An Canach Salutes

Scots Farmer, David Henderson, 108, who has recently been certified as the oldest living person in Britain by the Guinness Book of Records Mr. Henderson was born on 14 June 1889. He presently lives in a nursing home in Laurencekirk in the Mearns. To this day he remains an active farmer, writing checks and paying farm bills, while his nephew helps run the 1,000 acre farm at Conveth Mains. Mr. Henderson bought the

original 400 acre Conveth Mains farm in 1921 and added to it over the years. Just a year ago he purchased additional acreage and cattle. His wife Elizabeth died in 1973 and they had no children, but they enjoyed assisting orphan animals. A special animal was a fawn they acquired in 1930, whose picture, even today, brings happy memories of his wife and their farmlife.To Your Health, Mr. David Henderson of Laurencekirk, Scotland!!



MacStork

John W. and Marlene Henderson welcome their grandson, John William White who was born 22 March 1996 in Atlanta. The proud parents are Laura (Henderson) and William L. White.

Bonnie Erin McLean was born 18 August 1996 to Carol (Henderson) and William H. McLean.

Gene and Alice Talley report the birth of grandson Joshua Michael Talley, on 25 September 1996. Joshua is the son of Charles S. and Jennifer Talley of Memphis, Tennessee.

William C. and Norma Henderson of Richmond Hill, Georgia, announce two new grandchildren. By their son, James Glenn Henderson and his wife, Nancy, a granddaughter, Kristin, born 1996 in Conyers, Georgia, and by their daughter, Judy Sahlberg and her husband Douglas, a granddaughter, Katelyn Grace, born 26 January 1997 in Savannah, Georgia.

Joseph P. and Margarita Henderson of Fairlawn, New Jersey, announce the addition of grandson, Brien Michael Henderson on 11 February 1997 in Hawthorne, New Jersey. His proud parents are Michael and Christine Henderson.

John G. and Caroline Cook of Lincoln, Massachusetts, share the arrival of their granddaughter, Cynthia Nicole Putnam, on 21 June 1997 in Concord, Massachusetts. Cynthia's proud parents are Catherine and Michael Putnam

Daniel L. Pierce of Manassas, Virginia, and Rhonda Lee Lemon were married on 5 October 1996.



Flowers of the Forest

Helen Marcotte notifies us of the 1996 death of her sister, Marguerite Van Etten, of Plantation, Florida. They are descendants of James Henderson of Louisiana, early American settlers of Texas.

Mrs. Sue Henderson Wilson, 93, formerly of Brevard, North Carolina, died 27 June 1997. Her desire to learn of the relationship between some upper South Carolina Hendersons to certain western North Carolina Hendersons led to 50 years of collecting Henderson data and ultimately finding mutual ancestors

descended from Thomas and Frances Henderson of Loudoun County, Virginia, in the 1750s and in Laurens Co, South Carolina, in the 1780s.

We were saddened to learn of the death of Nathan Sebird Henderson of San Diego, California, father of Clan member Nathan Sebird Jr. of Fresno, California, on 14 June 1997.

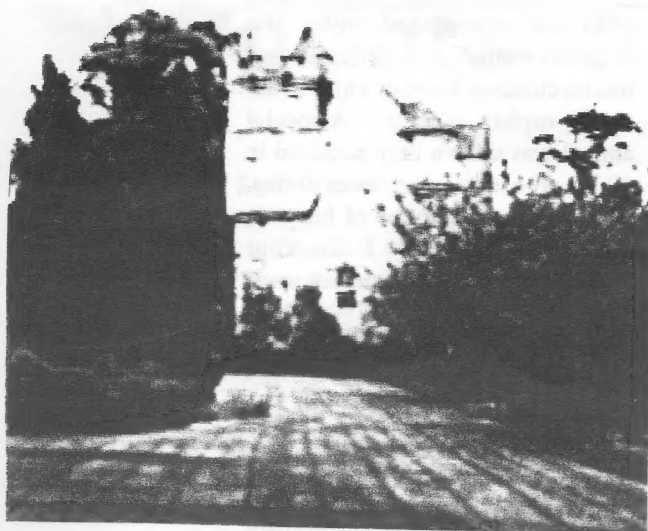
The stepmother of Jefferson S. Henderson II, clan member Helen Henderson Colbert, died on 28 July 1997 in Springfield, Missouri. The family had gathered on Memorial Day 1996 in St. Louis to honor her on her 80th birthday.

Eva Blanch Bennett, 96, of Mableton, Georgia, died on 10 August 1997. She is the mother of Martha Jones of Mableton.

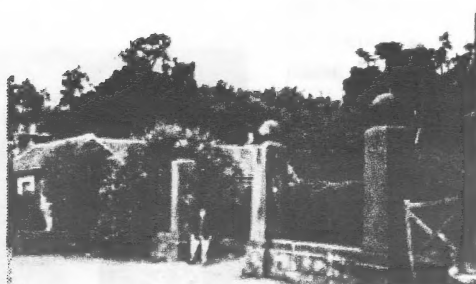


Fordell Castle Today

by Sue and Norm Gulkis



We were on our way to explore Fordell Castle and we were lost. We had a 2:00 p.m. appointment with Dr. Lorraine Inglis, the owner. The castle is located about three miles west of Aberdour, Scotland, and that was the total of our directions. We stopped at a garage and the directions were so complicated that we knew they would only get us closer but not to the castle. It was 1:45 p.m. and we had run out of instructions. We decide to stop the next man on the street for more directions. We saw a man walking a little dog on a leash and we pulled to the side to ask for directions. Imagine



our surprise when he pointed to his mouth and ears and shook his head, a deaf mute. With the help of a hand drawn map we finally arrive at some gate posts that just might be the entrance. Alas, we got on a road so narrow that we couldn't turn around. Some of the potholes were as big as the small Rover that we were driving.

It was overgrown and dark and we knew we had missed again. We decided to keep going until we could find a place to turn around. Rounding a curve there was a young man sweeping the grass. He asked if he could help us and suddenly we were there. It was 2:00 p.m.—We were on time.

Castle History

The Hendersons acquired the land in 1511. Over the lintel of the north tower door are the initials of James Henderson of Fordell along with the date 25 MCH, A.D.1580. One of the rooms in the castle is known as Queen Mary's Room. Queen Mary visited Fordell when one of her maids of honor married George Henderson, laird of Fordell.

The castle was partially restored by the first Solicitor-General in Mrs. Thatcher's first Conservative administration, Sir Nicholas Fairbairn, Q.C.M.P.

Castle Renovation

The castle was acquired by our most gracious host Dr. Lorraine Inglis and her husband who are remodeling it to be their residence. This is the second castle that they have restored, returning it, as close as possible, to the original style. As we climbed the narrow turret staircases Sue said, "I am absolutely in awe that a building this old is still habitable." The first floor is comprised of a great hall with a huge fire place and a with-draw-

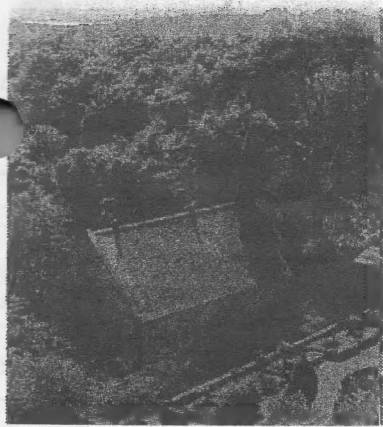
ing room, to which the ladies retired while the men smoked. Dr. Inglis is converting that room to her dining room. Climbing to the top of the highest turret we could clearly see to the Firth of Forth. There was a metal basket on top of a pole which puzzled us. The doctor explained that a fire was built in the basket to signal neighbors in case of attack. After exploring with amazement many nooks and crannies and staircases, kitchens and bathrooms we had a much greater appreciation of the work required to make a habitable dwelling out of an old castle.

Our next stop was the chapel and underground crypt. Inside this beautiful little chapel were stained glass windows and memorial tablets dating back to the time when the castle was built. We just stood in reverent thought for a few minutes; you could feel the past. Outside there was a set of steep steps leading to the crypts beneath the church. In the compartments in the walls was a roll call of the Henderson clan through history.

Leaving the chapel we walked around the outside walls and the gardens. There is a sheer vertical drop-off around three sides of the grounds. At the bottom is a small



Dr. Lorraine Inglis and Sue Gulkis at Fordell.



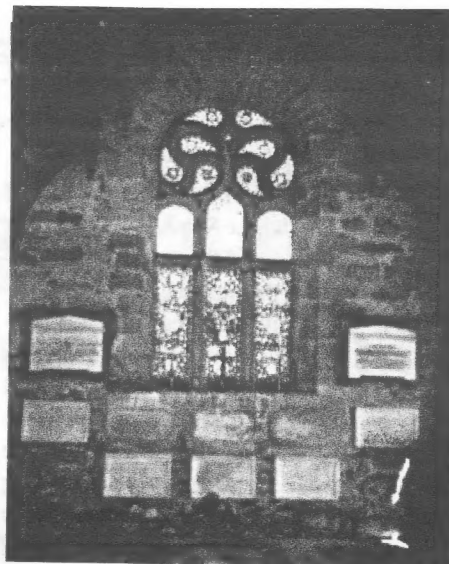
The chapel at Fordell Castle

river which I'm sure acted as a moat for defense of the castle.

The gardens are being carefully tended as you would expect of a formal garden. There are reflecting pools, an aviary and a greenhouse around the grounds. We stopped at the greenhouse where Dr. Inglis had a table set for tea. We spent an enjoyable hour just chatting about the castle's history.

In one part of the garden there was an ancient sun dial with a part of the Henderson crest carved into the base. On the outside wall of the castle near the North entrance there was a forged Gargoyle. This creature from another world is actually a registered national artifact.

It was hard to leave this important part of the Henderson history. There is so much more that we wanted to explore. There are so many more questions to ask. Yet all good things must come to an end. We hope that through this article we have been



able to share with all of our cousins a small part of the Henderson heritage.

We will always have a special place in our hearts for Dr. Ingles who took many hours out of her busy schedule to show us every nook and cranny of the castle and chapel. Our visit was special and will always be remembered.

Ed. Note: Fordell Castle has its place in Henderson history—that is why so many Henderson tourists want to visit the property. Once again, we must remind you that Fordell Castle is a private home and not open for tourists. It is important that potential visitors understand that all visits are by invitation of the Inglis family.

Second Note: In the same manner that the clan membership does not use the Chief's personal arms—we use his clan badge—it is not proper to use an image of the castle on "Henderson" stationery.

With the 1st Battalion, Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders

From an article in a back issue of the Scottish Military Historical Society (homepage: <http://www.virtual-pc.com/journal/extrt006.htm>) written by John T. Thomson, we found this photograph and this information:

"Lt. Colonel H.L. Henderson . . . joined the Regiment in 1886 and was posted to the 1st Battalion with which he served until 1896, when he was posted as Adjutant of the 4th Volunteer Battalion at Stirling Castle. He rejoined the 1st Battalion in the Transvaal early in 1902 and served continuously until 5 October 1906, when he was appointed O.C. Reinforcements Salonika Army."

"Colonel Henderson . . . assumed command of the Battalion on 12 December 1911 being promoted from Major to Lt. Colonel. The photograph shows him in dismounted Review Order as worn by Field Officers."

"The doublet is the scarlet Full Dress pattern with yellow collar and cuffs, it is noticeable in photographs at this period and earlier that the yellow on officer's doublets always shows up lighter in shade than those of the other ranks, this was because the facings of officer's were actually a paler shade of yellow . . ."



Samhain

by Stephen Clif Brown

November 1 is the Celtic feast of *Samhain*. *Samhain*, Gaelic for "summer's end," was the most important of the ancient Celtic feasts.

The Celts honored the intertwining forces of existence: darkness and light, night and day, cold and heat, death and life. Celtic knotwork represents this intertwining. The Celts observed time as proceeding from darkness to light. The Celtic day began at dusk, the beginning of the dark and cold night, and ended the following dusk, the end of a day of light and warmth.

The Celtic year began with *An Geamhradh*, the dark Celtic winter, and ended with *Am Foghar*, the Celtic harvest. Samhain marks the beginning of both *An Geamhradh* and the new Celtic year.

Samhain and the new Celtic year actually begin at dusk on 31 October, the end of the Celtic day. *Oidhche Shamhna*, the Eve of *Samhain*, was the most important part of *Samhain*. Villagers gathered the best of the autumn harvest and slaughtered cattle for the feast. The focus of each village's festivities was a great bonfire. Villagers cast the bones of the slaughtered cattle upon the flames. (Our word bonfire comes from these "bone fires.") With the great bonfire roaring, the villagers extinguished all other fires. Each family then solemnly lit their hearth from the one great common flame, bonding all families of the village together.

The eve of the Celtic year was a very holy time. The Celts believed that *Oidhche Shamhna* was a gap in time. Our world and the Otherworld came together on the night between the old and new years. The dead could return to the places where they had lived. Many rituals of *Oidhche Shamhna* provided hospitality for dead ancestors. Celts put out food and drink for the dead with great ceremony. They left their windows, doors, and gates unlocked to give the dead free passage into their homes. Swarms of spirits poured into our world on November Eve. Not all of these spirits were friendly, so Celts carved the images of spirit-guardians onto turnips. They set these jack o'lanterns before their doors keep out unwelcome visitors from the Otherworld.

There was also a much lighter side to the Celtic New Year rituals. Young people would put on strange disguises and roam about the countryside, pretending to be the returning dead or spirits from the Otherworld. Celts thought the break in reality on November Eve not only provided a link between the worlds, but also dissolved the structure of society for the night. Boys and girls would put on each other's clothes, and would generally flout convention by boisterous behavior and by playing tricks on their elders and betters.

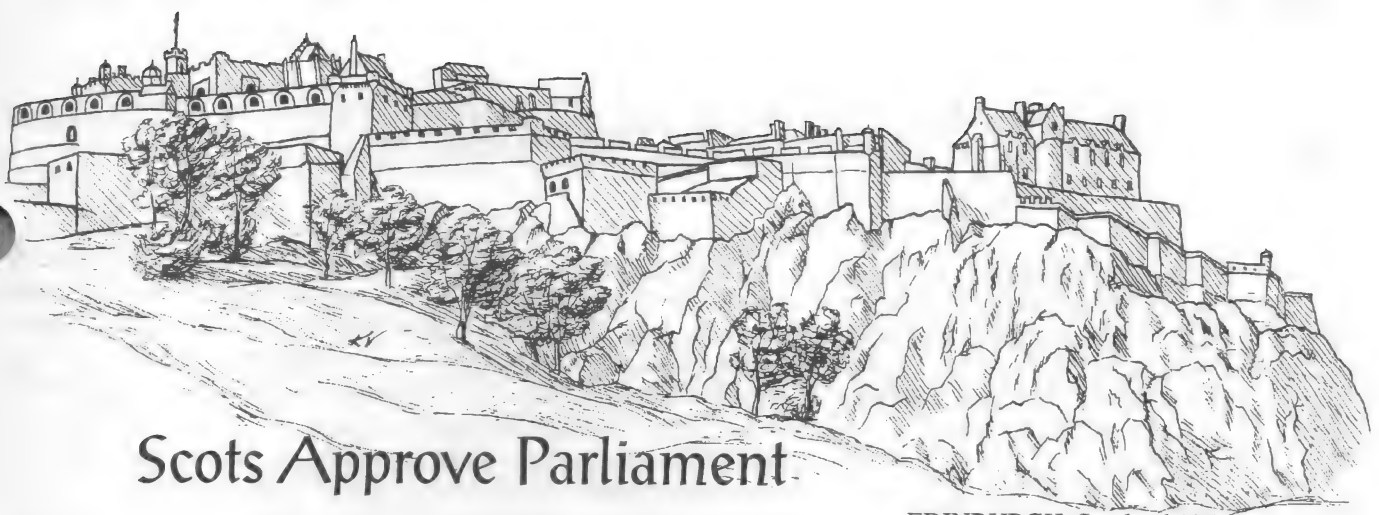
Divination of the events of the coming year was another prominent

feature of *Samhain*. Celts used hazelnuts, symbols of wisdom, to foretell the future. Bobbing for apples, another traditional Samhain pastime, was a reference to the Celtic *Emhain Abhlach*, "Paradise of Apples," where the dead, having eaten of the sacred fruit, enjoyed a blissful immortality.

Ancient Celtic religion cast the year as a contest between the gods of winter and summer for the favor of the goddess of the earth. The god of summer claimed victory at *Latha Buidhe Bealltainn*, May Day, but at *Samhain* the god of winter, who was also lord of the dead, was victorious. Celts often depicted the god of winter with antlers which he shed each autumn like a stag. In parts of western Brittany the coming of winter is still heralded by the baking of *kornigou*. *Kornigou* are little cakes in the shape of antlers to commemorate the god of winter shedding his "cuckold" horns as he returns to his kingdom in the Otherworld.

Many ancient Celtic customs proved compatible with the new Christian religion. Christianity embraced the Celtic notions of family, community, the bond between all people, and respect for the dead. The Western Church gave *Samhain* a Christian blessing in 837 AD when 1 November was designated the Feast of All Saints or Hallow Tide. *Oidhche Shamhna* became Hallow E'en.





Scots Approve Parliament

EDINBURGH, Scotland (AP)

from the Internet, 15 September 1997

Scots resoundingly approved creating their own Parliament, embarking today on a path of home rule that will stretch their 290-year-old ties to neighboring England.

Jubilant supporters burst into the anthem "Flower of Scotland" as the final result of Thursday's vote was declared early today, confirming that three-fourths of Scots had voted for a parliament critics say will precipitate the breakup of the United Kingdom.

This is a good day for Scotland and it's a good day for Britain and the United Kingdom, too," Prime Minister Tony Blair told a delighted Edinburgh crowd as he arrived from London.

Scotland's nearly 4 million voters - just under 10 percent of the British electorate - will take control of most of their domestic affairs when the Scottish Parliament opens in Edinburgh in 2000.

It marks the most significant British constitutional change since Irish independence in 1922.

With results counted in all 32 districts today, the vote for the Parliament was 74.2 percent in favor, with 63.4 percent supporting a separate question giving the Edinburgh body tax-raising powers.

Voter turnout was 60.1 percent.

Two districts, the Orkney Islands in the north and Dumfries and Galloway on the southern border with England, voted against tax-raising powers.

A nation again," declared the Edinburgh-based Scotsman newspa-

per. The tabloid Daily Record hailed, "A New Dawn." The Express, against a background of the Scottish flag, the blue and white cross of St. Andrew, announced, "Marching On."

I'm glad, but there are going to be problems, because this was an ideological vote. They haven't really thought through the practicalities," said Clare McAteer, 29, at a newsstand reading the exuberant headlines.

Britain's battered Conservative Party, virtually the sole opponents of the Labor government's plan to create the Scottish Parliament, conceded defeat. The Conservatives vowed to battle on to avert what it said were plans by Scottish nationalists to use the Parliament to bring about full independence.

It's been a decisive result. As a party we accept that," acknowledged Jackson Carlaw, deputy chairman of the Conservative Party in Scotland.

He added: "We don't want to see this Parliament hijacked by anybody who favors independence."

Creation of Scottish and Welsh assemblies were a key pledge of Blair's winning platform in May 1 national elections. However, Blair regards the Scottish Parliament as a way of keeping Scotland in the United Kingdom, by venting pressure for independence, and the nationalists do not.

We have embarked on a journey and the end of this journey will be independence," declared Alex Salmond, whose Scottish National

Party gets about one-fourth of the Scots' vote in national elections.

Scotland joined with England in 1707. In 1979, the Scots and Welsh rejected separate assemblies. But sentiment has changed, partly out of resentment of 18 years of Conservative rule, delivered on English votes.

Elections for the 129-member Parliament, to open in 2000, take place in 1999.

It will keep Scotland within the country and subject to Queen Elizabeth II, while controlling responsibility for a raft of domestic affairs, including health, education, the law, police, sport and the arts.

The referendum took place on the 700th anniversary of the defeat of the English army at Stirling Bridge by William Wallace, depicted in the epic movie "Braveheart."

The Scottish vote was expected to encourage Wales to vote in favor of a less-powerful separate assembly in Cardiff in a 18 September referendum. Wales is more closely integrated with England and polls show many of its 2 million voters wary of change.

Some observers predicted constitutional instability ahead, with English voters becoming resentful of Scottish lawmakers who remain in the House of Commons in London voting on English domestic issues.

The 5.1 million Scots, occupying 31.9 percent of the United Kingdom's land, also get a more generous share per person of state spending than others parts of the United Kingdom - except for troubled Northern Ireland.

Society Leadership Meets at Fergus, Ontario

The Clan Henderson Board met in executive session on 9 August 1997 at Fergus, Ontario, reviewing several proposals for future operations. These proposals and their resolution follow.

Regional Funding Plan

This issue addressed determining how the society would provide for organizational activities while providing funding for necessary operational costs in each region. The subject was discussed for six months before it was brought to this session.

The Executive Board resolved:

a. Commissioners who provide financial requirements will be provided an account to support activities. Activities include administration and support for gatherings—specifically for tent space at Scottish events.

b. Henderson goods will provide an income source for the regions. Inventory will be provided for a given cost; sales will cover the region's cost with profit being added to the region's account.

c. All accounts will be processed and maintained by the Clan Treasurer. All sales and distributions must be accounted for.

Display of National Flags

The Executive Board resolved that the Society fly the US, Canadian, and Scottish national flags; further, that the Rampant Lion no longer be flown at Clan Gatherings.

Amend the Organization of the Canadian Region

The Executive Board resolved the feasibility of incorporating the Canadian Region within the overall organization of the Clan Henderson Society of the United States and Canada. Further that the Canadian Region be reorganized into three regions, with a commissioner appointed for each one. The nominations committee will present a slate of officers—President, Vice President, and a Secretary/Treasurer—to be elected in the next Clan Election.

The Henderson Stone Memorialization in Glencoe

The Executive Board resolved to resume the stone project and seek to have it completed at the earliest opportunity. There are several other aspects to this project which includes a bench and Lochmaben castle. Also, we will be adding interested kin from the UK Society. These individuals may give us an on the ground capability to get the work completed. It is noted that these former members of the UK Society are joining our society as individuals since their own society is now defunct.

McKendree College

The Executive Board resolved to accept McKendree College as an organizational member of the Society. We will participate in an event there on 26 August. Charles Henderson of St Louis is our Convenor for the college. Further, it was resolved that their dues must cover the cost associated with their membership; while being adequate to make their membership important.

Significant Events of the past year

1. IRS recognition of Clan Henderson Society of the US and Canada as a 501 (c) 3 organization.
2. Passing of the baton

a. Jeff Henderson passed his duties and feather on to Lee Henderson, the new Mid East Commissioner.

b. Mary Rhinelander McCarl resigned as Archivist. Beth Gay was appointed as our Historian-Archivist in her place.

3. Clan passed the 1700 member families mark, but has had a slow year for renewals.

4. Clan Awards for 1996:

Chief's Order

Cairns W. Henderson, Convenor, Canadian Region East—Given for his active support of the Clan Henderson Society, his active gathering of Clan members in the Maritimes provinces, and for his demonstrated Clan spirit.

Robert H. Henderson, Genealogist—Given for his many innovative ideas for gathering the Clan through genealogy, his support of the Clan Genealogist, his historical and genealogical research, his publications.

Paul B. Whitty, Kentucky Convenor, Mid South Region—Given for his many innovative ideas for gathering the Clan in Kentucky, his staunch support of the Clan Henderson Society, his continued support of Scottish heritage in his community.

John A. Henderson, Bodyguard Leader, North Pacific Region—Given for his dedication to the principals on which the Bodyguard was founded, his expansion of Bodyguard in the North Pacific Region.

John T. McHenry, Bodyguard Leader, Northeastern Region—Given for his many innovative ideas, his dedication to the principals on which the Bodyguard was founded, his historical research and implementation, his continued participation in the Scottish community.

Christi A. Heston, Clan Treasurer—Given for her ongoing contribution to the Society, in particular her extraordinary efforts to have the Society recognized by the Internal Revenue Service as a non-profit, tax free organization.

The Chief's Prize was not awarded for 1996.

Chief's Youth Award

Patrick Heston, piper
Matt Keifer, piper

Significant Future Events

1. Clan Henderson will be an honored clan at the 1998 Scottish Weekend at the Odom Library in Moultrie, GA.
2. Henderson Stone project will be revitalized and completed
3. Election of Officers and our 10th reunion will take place where it all began—on the field at Grandfather Mountain in July 1998.

Canada's Weekend

by John W. Henderson

The Annual General Meeting of the Clan Henderson Society occurred at Fergus, Ontario, on the weekend of 8-10 August 1997. And what a celebration it was! We had no less than 88 people on the visitor register by the end of the weekend, and 35 clans folk staying at the Comfort Inn at Guelph. A further 50 attended the sold out Clan Dinner at the Royal Canadian Legion on Saturday night.

The weekend began on Friday night with the Fergus Scottish Festival Tattoo which featured numerous bands and entertainment including the amazing 48th Highlanders Pipes and Drums from Toronto. Cairns Henderson from Nova Scotia and Ed Brett from New Jersey represented Clan Henderson during the Torch Lighting Ceremony.

Saturday was the busiest day with the set up of the large Clan Henderson tent starting at 8 am with brothers Derek and Darrel Henderson, and Barbara McDonald doing the honours. Front and centre was the beautiful "Crystal Award" decanter won by Clan Henderson in 1996 for the best clan presentation at Fergus.

The morning began with an Executive Board meeting, then an awards ceremony at 10 a.m. Congratulations to Cairns Henderson from Halifax Nova Scotia, upon his receipt of the "Order of the Chief" for his tireless efforts in organizing the clan in the cradle of Scottish culture. Congratulations also go to Russ Henderson and David Henderson as they received the "Commissioner's Award" from the Canadian Region. David has been the Canadian Region's secretary for the past three years and done a remarkable job of keeping the membership records straight and current. Russ is, of course, not only the President of the whole society but the editor of *An Canach*. He was recognized for his continued support of the Canadian Region's development and his overall leadership of the society. Three

cheers for the three recipients!

Claude Henderson, our North American Chieftain, led over 60 Hendersons out onto the field for the opening ceremonies and then took our salute along with the other dignitaries on stage. The festival speaker was retired Major General Lewis MacKenzie who we all know as the very competent commander of the under-sized Canadian UN force that took the Sarajevo airport in the first stages of the war in Bosnia in 1992. He gave a rousing and patriotic speech praising the spirit of the Canadian people.

The Clan Henderson Annual General Meeting took place inside the community centre. Along with regular clan business, several more awards were handed out. Matt Keifer was honoured for his piping talents and given the "Chief's Youth Award." Christi Heston was awarded the "Order of the Chief."

There was also a special announcement concerning a change in status for the Canadian Region. We will now be referred to as the Clan Henderson Society of Canada with three regions divided along historic and geographical lines. **Eastern Canada Region** will be led by Commissioner Cairns Henderson, **Central Canada Region** will be led by Commissioner Darrell Henderson, and **Western Canada Region** will be led by Commissioner Andy McMillan. All three were present to accept their new positions. John Henderson will continue to serve a Commissioner until the elections at the 1998 AGM. We enthusiastically continue to recognize Claude Henderson as the Chief's representative in North America, and our Chieftain on the continent. Thanks for your support Claude.

Talks will continue over the next year on how best to proceed with the continued development of Canada's society that will enhance the stability of the entire Clan.

Saturday evening was set aside

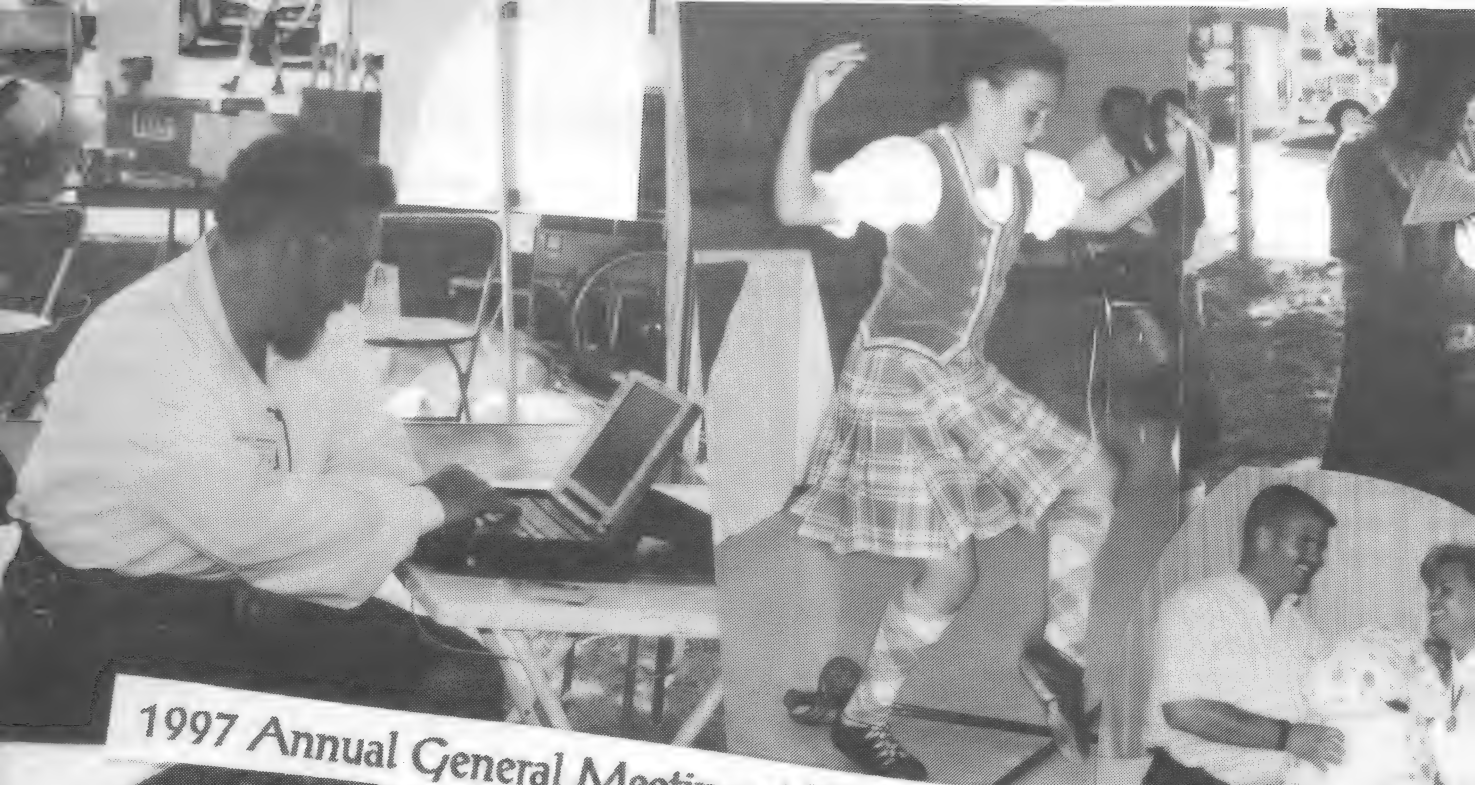
for the Clan Henderson dinner at the Royal Canadian Legion, Guelph. Many thanks to Matt Keifer and Leslie Brett for starting the evening off with a traditional Scottish sword dance. Excellent show! Next was a ceremony where a number of members had their new tartan outfits "christened" with a little scotch. Thank you to the Clan Elliot contingent for supporting us with their presence. They were led by President, Colonel Hank Elliot (thanks for your kind words) and his wife Betsy. The excellent roast beef dinner was followed by a passing of the Beastie to Andy and Doreen who came all the way from Calgary, Alberta, and who now will take the newest member of their family all the way back to the foot of the Rockies where the Beastie will await new owners.

The evening concluded with a second sword dance before everyone retired from a very busy day at Fergus.

Sunday was a little more relaxed and is referred to as "Scottish Traditions" day. With the games and competitions from Saturday being finished, Scottish culture was the emphasis for Sunday. Russ Henderson read a verse at the "Kirkin' of the Tartan" at the Presbyterian church at 10 a.m., while everyone took the rest of the day to walk around the grounds and enjoy what the Festival had to offer. At 12:30 p.m., Matt Keifer, along with the Brett family drummers, led a "Clan Henderson Walkabout" through the festival grounds. I think we actually drummed up some new members out of that one and actually totaled about a dozen new memberships for the weekend.

Thank you to Russ Henderson and the members of the executive board for taking a chance at having the AGM in Canada. We had a heavy turnout and a most successful weekend. See you next year at Fergus!

Clan Henderson thanks Barbara McDonald, Dereck Henderson, and Darrel Henderson who contributed to a successful gathering and this report



1997 Annual General Meeting at Fergus, Ontario





More Cousins Enjoying Fergus





Youth Activities

Musings about what it means to be a Henderson

by David C. Henderson
Bodyguard Leader, Great Lakes Region
and one of our youth

I have been a member in the Clan for a year and a half now. However, the Fergus games were the first Scottish event I have ever visited. I won't retell the events of the Fergus games because, I am sure they will appear elsewhere in this issue, I will however tell of my impression of them. I can guarantee you that these games will certainly not be my last. The open arms reception at the Henderson Tent, the marching around with my sword in the walkabout, the way the pipes have the tendency to ring in your ears hours after the pipers have stopped playing were all magnificent to me. So much so that I could not talk to anyone in the following week without mentioning my trip to Canada and the great time I had.

The Clan is one big family from my experience, not just an association related by their last name or that of an ancestor. When a new member comes into the picture (me and my family), there is not a moment's hesitation on the welcome. Judy came up to me just two minutes after meeting her,

took me by the arm and introduced me to Matt Keifer and Erin Heston, whom I had fun with watching the highland games competition. Then the moment after I returned Judy came again and led me over to meet Xavier Allen. That is one experience I won't soon forget. He taught me more about the weapons and everyday life of the Scottish in one hour than I had in my 3 years of reading from books.

I for one am very glad that two years ago I found Cairns e-mail address while on the web and wrote him wanting information about the clan. I have made many new friends in the process and learned more about my ancestors and history. This is not your common euphoria either. As Xavier put it, "When I visit the Clan Henderson tent I get more of a welcome than when I visit my real family" and in many ways Xavier you are right! So thank you to all the Hendersons that made my family and me so at home and I hope to see more of you all in future travels.



Henderson dancers, Leslie Brett and Alyssa Ashley Nuttall at Fergus.



Junior drummer William Henderson in his kilt.



Drummer Suzanne Keifer practicing with Jennifer Brett at Fergus.



Jenna Henderson displays her book, *A Sheep That Lived In Scotland*.



Matt Keifer, Chelsea Carter, Erin Heston, David Henderson at Fergus.



Rebecca and Sarah Henderson with Chelsea Carter at Fergus.



President Russ with Colin, Susan, and Janine Chatfield at the Virginia games.



Linda Potter, Katie and James Goodwin at the Virginia Games.



Games, Festivals, and Gatherings



Opening Ceremonies at Arlington—Timothy and Adam Henderson, “Shorty” Henderson, Patrick Heston, Glen Henderson, Virgil Hampton, Dick and Sue Hoffman.

Far South Region



In front of the tent at Arlington—Mike Henderson, Patrick Heston, “Shorty” Henderson, Susan Hoffman, and Joe Henderson.



Bill and Cathy Henderson may have “Gone to Texas,” but they know where the Henderson tent

Texas Scottish Festival & Highland Games University of Texas at Arlington Stadium Complex Arlington, Texas

By B.B. Shuffler

North Central Texas was blessed by better weather this 6-8 June than on previous first weekends of June. Clear, breezy, warm-but-not hot weather prevailed on Friday and Saturday, with the threat of rain on Sunday not materializing, resulting in cloudy, cool conditions.

Whilst setting up the Clan Henderson tent on Friday afternoon, H.L. “Shorty” Henderson, Bill Shuffler, and Bill’s inaptly named wheaten-colored Scottish Terrier, “Cheyne Duncan MacCleod (with “loud” Tartan on his collar) were approached by a local journalist interested in how clansmen at the tent assist visitors with names, clans, and tartans relative to their heritage; and in the legend of the Henderson Stone (Clach MacEanruig) at Glencoe, and the Massacre. Must have been a “cub reporter,” for only one name, that of “Shorty” was correct in the next *Arlington Morning News*!

Patrick Heston, of the USAF, Tinker AFB, Oklahoma City was a very welcome “visitor,” giving the locals much appreciated assistance in setting up the Clan tent, the COSCA table, and functioning unofficially in Bodyguard duties — assuring proper positioning, spacing, and harmony of step while on Parade.

New participants Mike Henderson of South Texas; and Glenn, Robin, Timothy, and Adam Henderson of East Texas helped fill out a respectable showing in the Opening Ceremonies Parade, and helped staff the tent, as did Dick and Susan Hoffman, the long time convenors for this event.

Tent activity was considerable, with 16 members, 37 registered visitors, and more than 50 visitors-not-

registering. The display of a Tartan Map, Scottish surname books, family/clan cross references, and

Tartan reference books attracted great interest from visitors to the overall clan tent area. Typically, individuals would be assisted in determining their clan of interest, or district of interest, and be directed to their appropriate clan tent for further information. If their clan was not represented, a look-up in a current issue of *The Highlander* or the Odom Library publication *Family Tree* would provide them with the proper contact for more information. Clan Henderson Society members and visitors with Henderson heritage were provided with chairs, a conference table, references, and assistance in their specific genealogy research.

New arrivals to Texas from the Old Dominion, Bill and Cathy Henderson, took time from getting settled in a new home in the Irving (Dallas suburb) area and recovering from the move from Virginia to attend and visit cousins in the tent.

Kirkin’ of the Tartans followed a fine worship service held in the large pub tent on Sunday morning. (Only the Scots would have Church in a Pub!!) Our Kirkin’ specialist, Shorty Henderson, participated in this ceremony.

The Clan Henderson Award, a trophy designated for the bagpiper being “Overall Champion 1997, Class IV Junior” was awarded to young Iain Liechti of the Silver Thistle Band of Austin, Texas, by Pipe Major Bob Richardson, Piping Judge, formerly of Glasgow. This was Clan Henderson’s first provision of a trophy at Arlington. This 11th annual edition of the Texas Scottish Festival and Highland Games set a new attendance record of 65,000. The 402 “City Winnipeg” Squadron Pipes, Drums; and Dancers was the featured band.

Houston Highland Games And Scottish Festival

by B.B. Shuffler

The Houston Farm and Ranch Club hosted the 26th Annual Houston Highland Games and Scottish Festival at their facility west of Houston, adjacent to the Bear Creek Park, on Saturday, 10 May 1997. The event is presently held indoors in the Club's pavilion.

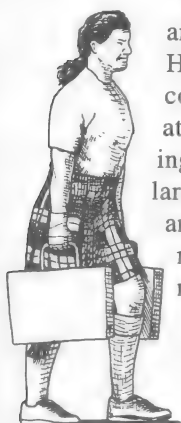
The Clan Henderson Society booth was set up very early Saturday, and hosted by H.L. "Shorty" Henderson of Irving, and Bill and Kassie Shuffler of Fort Worth, after the long drive from North to South Texas on Friday evening.

This was Clan Henderson's second time participating at these games, but our presence was well noted because of the significant activity with our COSCA table. Attendees were very pleased to find good information and assistance in obtaining understanding of their Scottish heritage. Many of the other booths there were referring people to us for information.

One item of special interest to those of us staffing the booth was the appearance of a school band director from South Texas, a full-fledged Henderson Texan, excited to happen upon the Clan Henderson booth, and to discover that his "family" has a clan organization. He was so interested he signed up immediately.

The music and dancing, athletic, heritage workshops, and scottish foods and goods, and children's events were very well done and well attended.

This is certainly an area where Clan Henderson needs to continue a presence at Scottish gatherings. Houston is the largest city in Texas, and undoubtedly has many of Henderson name or heritage.



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Southeastern Region

Loch Norman Highland Games

by Mack Henderson III

Our newest games in North Carolina finally had two good days of weather in its fourth year. We answered the call on Friday night, 18 April 1997.

On Saturday morning, Clan Henderson sponsored Loch Norman's first annual Kilt Christening. Immediately after the opening ceremonies, all the Henderson clansmen wearing tartan marched to the front of the games reviewing stand. We were led by Suzanne Keifer who carried the Scotch in regal fashion. Anyone wearing a new kilt or tartan dress was invited up to have their garment christened. We also invited the newly formed Loch Norman Pipe Band to participate. The light hearted ceremony was conducted by Pastor Jeff Lowrance. At the completion of the oration, twenty three new tartan wearers, and the pipe band, had their plaid dipped in a wee glass of Scotch Whiskey, (or spring water for those under 21) and then all were joyously toasted. We then took a lap around the track with the pipe band leading the way. The event was one of the highlights of the day.

Throughout the weekend, people who had missed the ceremony would come by our tent wanting a christening. The games officials were very pleased with our efforts. I would suggest that Clan Henderson members offer to conduct similar ceremonies at the smaller games in their areas. It was tremendous fun for all! We had a successful Saturday. Dee Henderson and Carmi Henderson provided our noon meal. Horace Loftin signed up new members and then fed them lunch. We made a



Dave and Dale Armstrong surround Lee Henderson at Fairhill, Maryland, Games.

large number of new friends that day. We decided to forgo our afternoon walkabout, having garnered so much attention in the morning. At the end of the day, we all made our way to a local restaurant where Carmi had made arrangements for us to dine.

Events began on Sunday with the Church Service and Kirking. We were able to field twenty Hendersons for the clan parade. I had been asked to coordinate the parade by games officials and was not able to march. I would like to thank George Henderson for his assistance in conducting traffic after our clan paraded. We had a walkabout with twenty-six marchers on Sunday afternoon with Matt Keifer leading us with his pipes.



Christening the kilts at Loch Norman.



Jenna Henderson, Melanie Markow, Emily Markow, and Averi Henderson lead the walkabout at Grandfather Mountain. To their left is Ashley Loftin and Mack Henderson.

Grandfather Mountain Highland Games

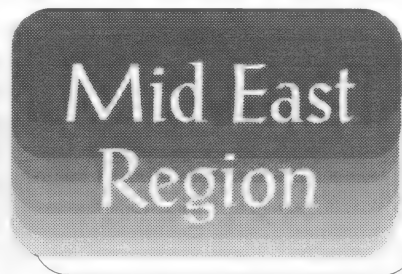
by Mack Henderson III

The festivities began Thursday night, 10 July 1997 with Clan Chaplain Douglas Henderson answering the call for Clan Henderson.

Heavy traffic early Saturday was an omen of what was to come for us that day record crowds and a fantastic turnout of new Clan Henderson Society members. The attendance was phenomenal. As usual, we had two tents at the games, one facing the field in which our clansmen might congregate, and one behind the footpath for business. By mid-morning, both were bee hives of activity. By mid-afternoon, we had given out all of our brochures, sold most of our caps and T-shirts, and signed up twelve new member families. We had invited the Loch Norman Pipe Band to share our tent. They were attending the games as

individuals, but were able to supply two pipers and a drummer for our Saturday afternoon walk-about. We had a contingent of twenty five for our procession that day.

On Sunday, our first objective was to begin arranging ourselves for the Clan Parade and Parade of Tartans. Our cue to line up came as Rex Redmon returned from representing Clan Henderson at the Sunday morning Kirking. Our contingent was reduced in numbers from what we had hoped as games officials were again requiring traditional attire, but we were able to field twenty Hendersons for the Clan Parade. George Henderson then represented us in the Parade of Tartans. The attendance on Sunday was markedly less than that of Saturday, but we still signed up three new Henderson families.



Fredericksburg Scottish Highland Games

by Jefferson Henderson II, FSA Scot

The Fredricksburg Scottish Highland Games, held 13-15 June 1997, were a huge success for Clan Henderson. We had excellent membership attendance and eight new member families joined the Clan. All of the new members are eager to get involved. They joined during a heavy rain on Friday and Saturday. I have never had so many people seek out our Clan tent, and ask how they can become members. This certainly gave us a warm feeling!

This is only the third year for the Fredericksburg Games. The first year four new members joined, and all four came the second year. This year three of the four stopped by our tent and spent time. It will not be long before this part of Virginia will have enough members to have a very

active local organization.

Those who joined at the Games were Margaret R. Wellhouse, Gregory Scott Cowan, Dorothy L. Bourdon, Walter Thomas Henderson, David L. Henderson, Janice Payne and Jennifer Love Brill.

The world championship games were great. Nancy and I took the daughter of our next door neighbor, Heather Stevens, who became Scottish for the day, and had such a good time that she brought her father, Bob, and brother, Alec on Sunday.

Hampton Roads Highland Games: Chesapeake, Virginia 28-29 June 1997

by Dottie Henderson

The gathering of Clan Henderson at the Hampton Roads Highland Games was a small but compatible group. The games were attended by our Chieftain, Claude Henderson and his wife, Ann, who had traveled from Mannassas, Virginia, to attend the event. They were glad to see members LaVonne Henderson Jones and her sister, Renee Henderson who came from North Carolina. Their family tree and Claude's connect, so they enjoyed visiting together. Lee and I convened the games and were happy to welcome our son, David, and his girlfriend, Kelly. They live in Nag's head, North Carolina, and we don't often have the opportunity to see them. Our special guest was Margaret Casteel, whom I always address as "Miss Casteel." She was one of Lee's teachers at Grosse Pointe High School in Michigan (we won't tell how many years ago) and she now lives in Newport News not far from Chesapeake. She will be 80 years old this year and never tires! We welcomed new member, Paul Hill, from Chesapeake who joined the Clan on Sunday. We gave information and membership applications to two other people and hope they will join us as members by the next gathering.

The parade of tartans was at 10:00 am on Saturday morning, a bit early as very few people were there



Heather Stevens, next door neighbor of Nancy and Jeff Henderson II became Scottish for the day at the Fredericksburg Scottish Games.

yet. These games hosted the U.S. Inter-Regional Highland Dance Championships, so there were two full days of dancing competition. This seemed to be the main draw of the event. The athletic competition was also scheduled over the two days. There were three pipe bands competing with only the Tidewater Pipe Band on hand Sunday. There was a Parade of Dogs on Saturday and also a display of Terrier dogs. Children's events, musical performers, including, Carl Peterson, and herding dogs completed the program.

The attendance seemed down on Sunday, although the weather on both days was warm and sunny. There aren't too many Clan Henderson members in the Tidewater area, but hopefully with more gatherings in the future, the ranks will grow.

24th Annual Virginia Scottish Games 26-27 July 1997

by Lee and Dottie Henderson

The end of July in Northern Virginia did not surprise us weatherwise. Hot and humid. The Clan tent had about forty visitors and we welcomed three new members, Anne Henderson, Tom Broadwater and Donald Henderson. Visitors from afar included Russ's daughter Janine Chatfield and grandchildren, Colin and Susan, who were visiting from Indiana.

The Virginia Games attract a lot of events and vendors and generally there is a steady flow of visitors and a fairly large gathering of our Clan members. Athletic, pipe and drum bands, harp, fiddling and highland dance competitions as well as "wee doggie" shows and demos. One can even enter the "I want to play the Harp" competition. Alex Beaton and Seven Nations appeared in the Entertainment Tent. Seven Nations has a growing following of the younger and the older generation as well. On Sunday morning, Pat Heston was presented a Clan Henderson scholarship to help in his pursuit of becoming

a piper. Pat was visiting from Oklahoma City where he is stationed with the Air Force. The Parade of Clans and Massed Bands was held at noon on Sunday and Clan Henderson participated with a fine showing.

If we missed you this year, plan to join us at these games next year, or perhaps at the Williamsburg Games in September, or the Richmond Games in October.

Canadian Region

Barrie Games

by Derek Henderson

The annual Barrie Highland Games were held on 26 July 1997. The Clan Henderson tent was manned by John Henderson, Amanda Henderson, Darrel Henderson, Barbara MacDonald, and myself. We had a few visitors drop by and take away membership applications.

Clan Henderson would like to take this opportunity to congratulate Mr. Rory Sinclair, of Clan Sinclair, for both his first place finish at the Cambridge Highland Games and his sixth place finish in Barrie in the Piping competition. Congratulations for a job well done.

We would also like to take this opportunity to thank Margaret Dubblestine of Port McNicholl, Ontario, for her membership renewal. Margaret claims to be a descendant of the Fordell line and therefore a distant cousin of the chief.

I would like to remind all our Canadian members to send your genealogy to Donna Lee BUTLER, Box 2008A, RR#2, Granville Ferry, Nova Scotia B0S 1K0, who will forward it to Dr. Horace Loftin FSA Scot, 218 Greenwood Drive, Panama City, FL 32407, after it has been entered into the genealogical database.



The Canadian leadership team, Derek Henderson, Andy McMillan, Darrel Cairns, and David Henderson backing up John W. Henderson.

We would like to thank everyone who took the time to come out and man the tent and to those who dropped by for a visit.

A Beastie of a Trip

by Andy McMillan

Well, three days, two countries, five states, two provinces, and about two thousand miles we finally made it home, safe and sound. Doreen and I spent our summer vacation to journey to Fergus, Ontario, to attend the Clan Henderson A.G.M.

Had we known about the Beastie waiting in the East for us, maybe we would not have ventured from home. It is, of course, too late to change now. We did enjoy our journey and we have grown to like the Beastie. Are any Commissioners, Convenors, or members passing through Calgary secretly in the next few weeks that I should be aware of???



Mid East Commissioner Lee Henderson presents the Youth Award to Patrick Heston. Rex and Pat Maddox, Mike Maddox, Christi Heston, Zekan Maddox, and Erin Heston watch.



The Beastie centered in Rugby, North Dakota.

Calgary United Scottish Games

30 August 1997

by Andy McMillan

Commissioner, Western Canada

This year Clan Henderson was not the first clan to arrive to the Highland Games site, at the Mu-

seum of the Regiments, across the street from, the now almost deserted, Canadian Forces Base Calgary. As a result, our tent was closer to the south entrance and further from the other Clan tents.

We shared our area with the Canadian Air Force static helicopter display, the Mountain Society of Creative Anachronism, vendors, and a piping judging station.

Both the Beastie and my new claymore attracted a lot of attention by the visitors filing passed our tent to access the grounds. For the record... the visitors shorter than the claymore were more interested in the Beastie than with the sword.

It was a busy and sunny Saturday for Doreen and I, a good start to the weekend.

Our neighbours from the Society of Creative Anachronism (SCA), put on many demonstrations throughout

the day. Nothing like full contact combat to attract a crowd. The result was a few more visitors to our tent.

Hope to see more Hendersons next year.

Three Sister's Highland Games Canmore Alberta 31 August 1997

by Andy McMillan

Commissioner, Western Canada

After being last to arrive yesterday, Clan Henderson was the first to arrive in the Avenue of the Clans today. With the sun yet to rise into sight, a cool mornings air hovered in the valley. Soon the sunlight began to illuminate the towering peaks that circle Canmore.

This time, located near the west gate and between Clan McBain and Clan Pollock, we had good exposure to the incoming crowds and to the main field. The Clan Tents totalled nine this year, up one from last year. Slowly, we grow. Who knows, maybe someday even the Stewart's will have a tent in Canmore!

The Beastie was making friends again. In fact many of the other Clans read Beastie's tag and thought it was a great idea. Can you imagine **more** Beastie's out there? Soon Beastie will be in your living room or compact car and you will understand. Gee, Russ, maybe I will keep my photos, so the Beastie's legend will become more notourious???

Today marked a triumph for Clan Henderson in Western Canada, our first member signed at a games/festival. May this be the start of many more. Welcome to your extended family, Shirley (Henderson) Cockerton.

The 15th Annual Pikes Peak Highland Games and Celtic Festival

by Buzz Henderson Mc Eldowney Jr.

The 15th Annual Pikes Peak Highland Games & Celtic Festival was held in Colorado Springs, Colorado, on 19 July 1997 at a new location. Instead of the scenic and historic White House Ranch, near the Garden of the Gods, the games were held at Coronado High School. Although not as scenic a location, it proved to be a great venue. The clans, of which there were 30, lined each side of the parade field. Vendors were located behind the clans on each side.

Weatherwise, the day started out a little on the ominous side. Dark grey clouds hung over the mountains to the west. We should have taken them as a warning of things to come, but we were optimistic and hoped the storms would go around us.

We had the tent and tables set up and ready to go by 8:30 a.m.. Our location was great, we were only two spaces away from the hospitality tent, so needless to say, we had a lot of traffic, and quite a few folks stopped by to chat, including John Bergquist, the SW Regional Piper. We only had 15 people sign the guest register, but there were three times that amount who stopped to check out their roots at the COSCA display. Kevin and Lori Henderson, from Valley Falls, Kansas, spent quite a bit of time at the tent. Kevin had come to the games to check out the athletic events, which he has competed in back in Kansas.

Pauletta Gain, from Golden, Colorado, renewed her membership. We also gained two new members, Robin Bruson and Roy Walholm Jr., both from the Colorado Springs area. WELCOME!! Dewitt Henderson and his wife helped Linda and I carry the Henderson colors for the opening ceremony. This would prove to be the only time the day that we had good weather.

The opening ceremonies, which took place at noon, included all the



The Beastie helping Commissioner Andy McMillan to staff the tent in Western Canada.

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clans, 8 pipe bands, as well as the duty band, The Ballut Abyad Shrine Band from Albuquerque, New Mexico. Following the ceremonies, we headed back to the tent for some lunch. We were still hopeful that the storms coming down out of the mountains would go around us. NO SUCH LUCK! We spent the balance of the day covering and uncovering the tables and displays, trying in vain to keep things dry. Now we know what several thousand yards of wet wool in kilts smells like.

In spite of the uncooperative weather, we—my wife Linda, daughter, Erin, and myself—had a wonderful time. We had some great conversations with those taking refuge under the Henderson tent during the downpours. We look forward to next year and hope for better weather.

21st Annual Longs Peak Scottish Highland Festival & Games

by Pam & Dennis Young
Convenors

The 21st Long's Peak Scottish Highland Festival was held in Estes Park, Colorado, 4-7 September 1997. The event drew over 21 international and guest bands and the participation of 66 Clans. In addition, a record number of people attended. Last year there were over 50,000, this year's count is not yet in.

Clan Henderson also enjoyed a very successful event with 85 visitors stopping by the Clan Henderson tent to register and to get further information about the Clan. This is the same number that registered last year for our AGM.

The COSCA table received a steady stream of individuals seeking information on their Scottish roots. We estimated that over 100 persons consulted the listings.

Twenty one new members were enrolled while another sixteen renewed membership.

We had our third and fourth Clan Henderson walkabout lead by our Pipe Major John R Bergquist and members of the El Jebel Shrine Pipe

Band. After the walkabout, Bob Henderson presented "The Commissioners Award" to three of our members for their outstanding service to Clan Henderson.

After the presentation, John Bergquist and three pipers played a number of selections in front of the Clan tent. One piper set aside his pipe to perform the traditional Sword Dance. He received a hearty round of applause from the crowd.

We are looking forward to another great year in 1998 and we hope Clan members will consider attending this outstanding event in a truly beautiful mountain setting.

34th Annual Colorado Scottish Festival and Rocky Mountain Highland Games

by Buzz McEldowney

Seven a.m. on Saturday came awfully early this year. It must have been the wedding and the dancing the night before. I guess we're not quite as young as we thought.

When I looked outside to check the weather, I thought I was dreaming. It looked like I was in Scotland, fog, mist, and some Scottish sunshine. We had just finished eleven days straight with rain and I was afraid we were going to have twelve. I hoped I was wrong.

This weekend we were prepared for the foul weather after our wash out in Colorado Springs at the Pikes Peak Highland Festival last month. The tarps and umbrellas were all loaded, along with all our other display materials, so we headed south to Highlands Ranch.

This year we did not have my sister, Collene McNally to help, as she has done so well over the past several years. She was on a business trip in Europe. It was just my wife Linda and I to set up the tables and displays and man the Henderson tent on Saturday.

Once we arrived at the field the weather seemed to improve a little so we all kept our fingers crossed. The Henderson tent was located just to

the right of the main stage between the Ramseys and the McAlasdairs. Our location turned out to be an excellent spot. When the 12 bands paraded on at noon for the opening ceremonies they marched right at us. We could not have asked for a better spot.

The entire layout of the field was changed this year. There was no actual clan "row", it was a "U" shape around three sides of the parade ground. This setup allowed for a great view of the ceremonies by all 32 clans represented at this year's games.

The vendors' tents were arranged in the same manner around the outside, opposite the clans. This arrangement worked out great, people had to pass by the clan tents to reach the vendors which made for a steady flow of traffic. But alas, the Henderson's were not too busy in spite of the fairly good crowds.

Joe and Eileen McEldowney (Dad and Mom) arrived just in time to march with Linda and I in the parade of clans on Saturday for the opening ceremony. Following the opening ceremonies, the weather improved to where it was cloudy and, key word, "DRY." We hoped this would get more people out, but no such luck. We only had ten signatures in our guest register by the end of the day. I guess the gloomy weather, earlier in the day had discouraged a lot of folks. What happened to all those hardy Scots?

Our day progressed very slowly, even the COSCA table was slower than usual. We only had about 35 or 40 people stop and check the listings. Needless to say it was a very long afternoon. The darkening sky did not do much to improve the mood.

The closing ceremonies were moved up almost one hour due to the impending storm, so we took our cue and packed everything up and headed for home.

Sunday, day two, started off with even more Scottish-like weather than Saturday. We had second thoughts about even setting up the tent, but we were prepared for the wet weather so we decided to go



ahead and give it a try. Linda and I had everything set up and covered with plastic by 9 o'clock and waited for the crowds to arrive—wishful thinking!

The rains let up just before noon, just in time for us to march in Sunday's opening ceremony. Today we had son Jason and daughter Erin to help carry the Henderson colors. Thanks kids!!!

After the parade, it was back to the tent out of the rain for some lunch and hopefully to visit with some hearty souls. We managed only two more visitors than Saturday including clan members Sally and Steve Brown and Peggy Zanin.

Mother Nature was certainly not helping matters with all the rain. By this time traffic had slowed to a crawl, even though the rain had

stopped. We decided we had had enough of this on-again, off-again "liquid sunshine" so we packed and headed for home.

Lets hope the sunshine returns to Colorado next year or we will have to contact the Hendersons in the Pacific north west for some hints on wet weather games.

Clan Henderson Society Of The United States And Canada Office Of The Treasurer Financial Report 31 July 1997

Financial Summary

Beginning Balance - January 1, 1997	\$9,677.43
Total Receipts	5,555.61
Total Expenditures	7,442.59
Account Balance - July 31, 1997	\$7,790.45
Accounts Receivable	10.00
 <u>Chief's Fund</u>	
Beginning Balance	2,291.31
Ending Balance	2,096.31
 Operational Balance - July 31, 1997	 <u>\$5,684.14</u>

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An Important Message to All Members of Clan Henderson

Definition: Clan Henderson member. Anyone who has joined the society.

Definition: Active member: Any member who is up to date with dues.

Definition: Inactive member: Any member who is late paying dues.

From the mid-year financial above and the dues receipts listed to the right, it is obvious that about 450 active member families are carrying the Society. I have written this article three times now because I don't want to offend anyone—I was late paying my dues.

I would say that if I missed my dues renewal, anyone can, but that is not the point of this article. If you are reading An Canach and are not an active member it is because it is very expensive to send you a copy by First Class and, since we expect that your check is in the mail, we went ahead and sent it in the bulk mail shipment.

We can no longer afford to print An Canach and mail it to inactive members. What that means is only active member labels will be printed. The newsletter press run will be determined from the label count. So, from now on, when your late renewal comes in, your missed copy of An Canach will not be available, since it was not printed. As Editor, I believe that you enjoy An Canach, look forward to getting it, and will miss any copy you don't receive.

Please consider that this is your personal opportunity to help the Clan's financial stability (send at least the \$10.00 to catch up, and second \$10.00 to cover your dues until 1998) and to be assured of your continued receipt of An Canach.

Receipts: (extract)	
Membership Dues	
1995	20.00
1996	150.00
1997	3,015.28
1998	1,060.00
1999	120.00
2000	50.00
2001	20.00
Total Membership Dues	4,435.28

The Hendersons of Bruce County, Ontario or How a Tool Collection Grew with a Family

by Jonathan William Henderson

Before 1860, James John Henderson moved from the Peterborough, Ontario area to Kinloss Township with his father and mother and the rest of his numerous brothers and sisters. With the family came a few basic and substantial tools for transforming trees into buildings and furniture. As he grew he trained as a cabinetmaker and carpenter in that pioneer time when the land was being cleared for farming.

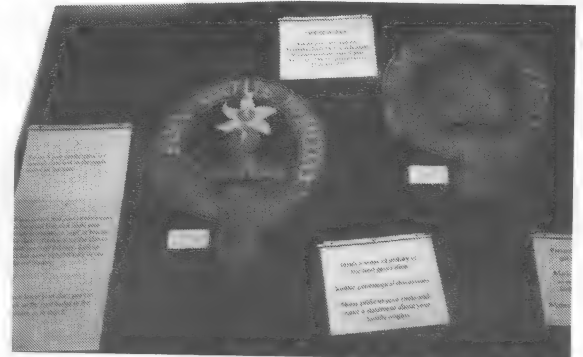
By 1880 James John had moved to the small village of Lucknow and built a two storey family home complete with columned front porch and second storey bay window, supported by decorative brackets. He and his house were known for their quality of work and pleasing use of local wood. Before he died in 1936, he had helped to raise, with Abigail MacKenzie his wife, 5 children: William Ellwood, John Wolsely, Pearl Erinda, Elizabeth Maude, and Dollena Belle. The carpentry and cabinetmaking tools used by James John were left to John Wolsely to maintain and use.

John Wolsely built his first house as a business man at the age of 23 in 1906. There are many similar aspects between this house and the one his father had built including the need for the carpenter to personally construct, fabricate and install, (without the aid of electricity), all the parts of the building that were made of wood. During John Wolsely's long career, it became apparent to him that there was a need for a supply of uniform building materials that would be produced in one labour saving permanent location - an electrically powered woodworking mill. So, at the age of 43, being the husband of Clara Johnstone and the father of Morgan MacKenzie,

William Alexander, Donald Thomas and James Robert, he established the Henderson and Fisher Planning Mill in partnership with another notable woodworker of the area.

The ever growing collection of woodworking tools passed to James Robert when his father died and so too did the (by then) family business of supplying the building needs of town and country neighbours and friends. James Robert had two careers before embarking into business. He was a teacher of no small impact (a number of former students continued to visit him 40+ years after they sat in his classes between 1936 and 1941). During the Second World War (1941 - 1946) he served as Radar Technician in the Royal Canadian Air Force, stationed on many far flung and isolated spots on the Pacific coast. In 1947 he joined the business, had the name changed to John W. Henderson Lumber Limited, and stayed at its helm until his brother Donald and he sold to retire in 1987. (Uncle Donald worked at "the Mill" as bookkeeper from 1936 on). James Robert is continuing to enjoy his retirement with Mary Simpson, his wife of 47 years and is frequently involved with the present and future of their 6 children: James Douglas, Mary Elizabeth, Jonathan William, Ruth Anne, Thomas Arthur and Robert Simpson.

At present the rather large tool collection is being temporarily stewarded by Jonathan William, having already been requested by a new James John (age 9) to consider him being allowed to do the same someday. Young James John has shown himself to be a very promising apprentice. He has helped his Dad, on a number of occasions, setup and dismantle the booth for the latest in Henderson enterprises, Celtic Carv-



Quality woodwork like this deserves to adorn a wall in your home.

ing and Design.

But such a decision is not so straight forward as it perhaps was in days gone by. James has an older sister who, in addition to her avid highland dance interests, has demonstrated a keen interest in things constructed. (Carving at highland games seemed like a good way to keep Dad busy when there was dancing to be done). Perhaps the answer lies in building their own collections as they grow.



President Russ listening to the tale of family tools.



The Harper

by Virginia Broussard

Orain Sidhe - The Fairy Songs - Part 3

How did fairies originate? In October 1871, stranded on Mingulay by a storm, ninety-two year old Roderick MacNeill explained the traditional beliefs of the Outer Hebrides.

The Proud Angel (Lucifer) fomented a rebellion among the angels of heaven, where he had been a leading light. He declared that he would go and found a kingdom for himself. Many angels followed him -- so many that at last the Son called out, "Father! Father! the city is being emptied!" whereupon the Father ordered that the gates of heaven and the gates of hell should be closed. This was instantly done. And those who were in were in, and those who were out were out; while the hosts who had left heaven and had not reached hell flew into the holes of the earth, like the stormy petrels. These are the Fairy Folk-- ever since doomed to live under the ground, and only allowed to emerge where and when the King permits. They are never allowed abroad on Thursday, that being Columba's Day; nor on Friday, that being the Son's Day; nor on Saturday, that being Mary's Day; nor on Sunday, that being the Lord's Day.

Celtic folklorists of the late nineteenth century opined that the fairy story recorded the folk memories of an earlier race, which had inhabited circular structures such as the Iron Age Pictish "wheelhouse" at Kilphedar on South Uist. Today's scholars note that such memory, which lasts for only a few generations, is far too fleeting to recall the 2nd century A.D. builders of the dwelling. Francis Collinson, who recorded (1966) his discovery of an iron knife blade in the stones of the doorway of a similar albeit smaller "beehive" dwelling on an island of the Inner Hebrides, suggested later inhabitants placed it there as a pro-

TECTIVE charm against fairies. (The flint arrowheads sometimes found in the Highlands are known as *Saighead sith*, or fairy arrows.)

An alternate explanation might be that the knife was so placed to guarantee egress from a fairy bower or hill. Highlanders believed that anyone who entered a fairy bower to dance and neglected to leave a piece of iron at the bower on entry could find no exit until the fairies chose to release him. According to a tale from Barra, a bridegroom once fell behind the bridal party on his way home from the wedding. He saw a fairy dwelling and entered. After what seemed like only a few hours, he returned to a deserted village; two generations had disappeared during the time he had spent with the fairies.

W. Y. Evans-Wentz recorded (1911) two different stories connected with the fairy song, "*Crodh Chailean*." Ned MacLeod of Skye related the first.

Colin was a gentleman of Clan Campbell in Perthshire, who was married to a beautiful maiden whom the fairies carried off on her marriage-day, and on whom they cast a spell that rendered her invisible for a day and a year. She came regularly every day to milk the cows of her sorrowing husband, and sang sweetly to them while she milked, but he never once had the pleasure of beholding her, though he could hear perfectly what she sang. At the expiry of the year she was, to his great joy, returned to him.

In the second version, one of several collected by the Celtic scholar Dr. Alexander Carmichael, metal guarantees escape from a fairy abode:

"Colin's wife and her infant had been lifted away by the fairies to a fairy bower in the glen between the hills." There she was kept nursing the babes which the fairies had sto-

len until, "upon Hallow Eve, when all the bowers were open," Colin by placing a steel tinder above the lintel of the door to the fairy bower was enabled to enter the bower and in safety lead forth his wife and child.

Margaret Fay Shaw collected a third version, which asserted that Colin himself was a fairy. His wife, a mortal woman, composed the tune as a milking song for his "cattle" -- the deer on the hill. Collinson noted two related items. The song "*An Robh Thu 'S A Bhein*," collected by Annie Johnson, referred to the milking of deer on the mountain tops, as did the writings about fairies by Mary MacKeller.

Among the pre-Christian Celts, water was as powerful and central a symbol as it is in Christianity. Hence, fairies are frequently associated with springs and streams. In eerie parallel to vampire myth, a fairy croons, "*E O Ho HoA Gaghnaill Ud Thall*," to encourage a maiden to cross a running stream to join him, since he cannot do so to join her. In, "*Solc An Obair Do Theachdairean Cadal*," a man waits for ebb tide to cross a ford. A fairy sings that his wife has died in his absence. In a second version of the tale, also from Barra, the listener is a young man, sent for medicine for a woman suddenly taken ill, who fell asleep when he paused to rest. The fairy song, which woke him from his slumber, chides him for his negligence!





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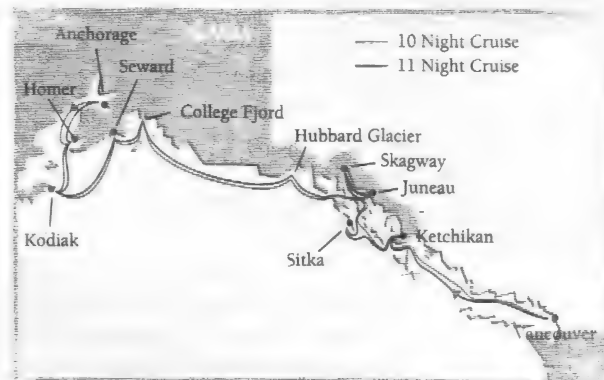
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Sat	Hubbard Glacier Cruising	1pm	6pm
Sun	College Fjord Cruising	3pm	6pm
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Clan Henderson Convenor Guidelines

"I'm back," said MacIain, "and look what I've found in the Mid East Region." These guidelines were developed from the Convenors Handbook and the experiences of Lee and Dotti Henderson. With the checklist on page 29, they are a good guide for every convenor.

Thank you for your support by convening one of the Clan Gatherings. It's a great way to meet your kinsmen and to have fun too. If you have any questions or needs call Lee or Dottie.

Registration Of Event

If you have convened the event in the past you may be the person who receives registration and other information. The commissioner will forward the information to you if he receives it. Convenors change and sometimes the registration packet gets mix-directed. If you do not receive registration information at least six weeks prior to the event contact the event coordinator or your commissioner so that he may assist you in getting the forms you need. Send the registration in as soon as possible and send a copy to the regional commissioner so he will know that the event will be covered as planned.

Tent And Clan Paraphanelia

The Clan tent, flags, banners, brochures and other items which are listed on the attached inventory are available for your use as the Clan convertor. These are available from your commissioner. Call him to make arrangements to get the goods. It's advisable to read the Convenor's Handbook prior to the event to help learn about the Clan and convening. Details about convening are there. It may be advisable to look it over to refresh your memory; even if you are an "old hand" at it. We try to take some personal items~ Scottish books, photos, bits of tartan or whatever to add our own touch to the tent. Use your imagination. The Clan has won some awards for having the best display in the past, hopefully we can win some more.

Hosting Or "Manning" The Tent

Besides being a gathering place for the Clan, visitors will stop by and some of these may be potential members. Ask all visitors and members to sign the Event Registration. After telling a "wee bit" about how friendly the Clan is etc.; encourage Henderson connected folks to join. Applications and Clan brochures are included with your materials. Send these along for those who need to think about it. Old issues of the An Canach are usually available. Although the dates may be old, it shows what the Clan newsletter is and it usually takes awhile to process applications and it may be awhile before they receive their first issue. We are also trying to have a schedule of Scottish events available that could be given to new members.

If possible, provide some refreshments. Snacks and drinks and possibly some candies in our award bowl. This is up to you, it can be simple or more elaborate, whatever you want to do to extend hospitality. Photos of Clan members and other interesting happenings are always welcome for the newsletter as well as providing a memory for yourself.

Clan Goods

Along with the tent supplies you will have Clan Henderson goods which we offer for sale. You can place these somewhere in the tent so that people know they are available. These include sweatshirts, tee shirts, baseball caps and tartan key chains. Items are packed with the size on them. As a courtesy, please try to keep proper sizes together. A price list is included with your convertor information. Please make note of what you'll sell the size and color. We have an inventory to account for and need the information for re-ordering.

Clan Event Reports

After the event you will have some paperwork. The report has been revised so that it is shorter and takes just a few minutes. Fill in all areas. Send the report, membership applications and moneys to the treasurer. The treasurer will forward the applications to the secretary. This procedure speeds up the application process. Send copies of the event report, visitor register and copies of new member applications to the commissioner. It is important that we have this for future planning of events. An article including some interesting happenings, or just a narrative of the event is always welcomed by the editor of AnCanach. You can send these articles to the treasurer or your commissioner for forwarding to the newsletter.

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Good Luck and thanks again!
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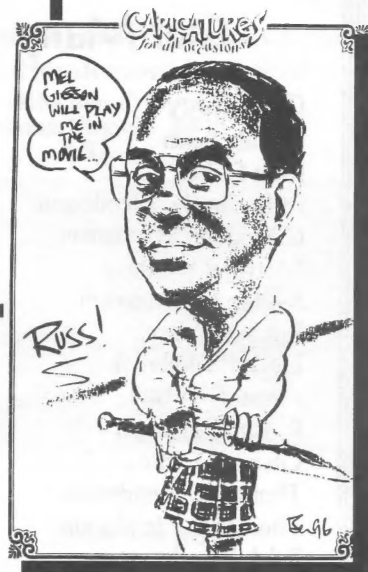




Caricatures for all occasions

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As you can see both Claude and I have had our caricatures drawn. What a neat gift. Send a picture to Caricatures with \$25.00. Tell them you are a Henderson so the tartan is correct. You might offer a catchy phrase.



Clan Henderson Events Inventory

- Tent
- Tent Stakes
- Blue Tarp
- Flags Set (U.S., Canada, St. Andrews, Henderson Tartan)
- Flag Pole holder
- Henderson Tartan Banner
- Henderson Tartan & Crest Banner
- Clan Coat of Arms Banner
- Sword
- Sword Belt
- Green Plastic Table Cover
- Silver Bowl and Stand (Clan Award 1993)
- Clan Area Map Poster
- Declaration of Clan Chief Poster
- Clan Shield
- Picture Fordell Castle Collage
- Clan Chief Photo Clan Chief and Mrs. Henderson
- Photo Wooden Picture Stands (4)
- An Canach Award Collage (under renovation)
- Clan Officers Photo
- Acrylic Brochure Stand
- Clan Brochures
- Acrylic Newsletter Stand
- An Canach Back Issues

- Convenor's Handbook
- History
- Registration Sheets
- Applications
- Goods Price List
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Coming Events 1997-

October

- 16-19 Stone Mountain Highland Games
Stone Mountain, GA
Harry Keifer (770) 925-9015
- 18-19 Loch Prado Highland Games
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- 25-26 Richmond Highland Games
Strawberry Hill, Richmond, VA
Mark Henderson (804) 744-6883

November (an t-Samhainn)

- 1 Samhuinn
- 1 Tucson Celtic Festival
Tucson, AZ
- 11 Veterans Day
Remembrance Day (Can)
- 27 Thanksgiving
- 30 St Andrew's Day

December (an Dùdlaichd)

- 6 Scottish Christmas Walk
Alexandria, VA
Lee Henderson (410) 647-3160
- 25 Christmas
- 31 New Year's Eve, Hogmanay

1998

January

- 1 New Year's Day
- 25 Burns' Night Celebrations

February

- 7 Sarasota Games
Sarasota, FL
- 21 Jacksonville Games
Jacksonville, FL
- 21-22 Arizona Games
Mesa, AZ
Kate Wyatt

A reminder: Please wear some Henderson item whenever you attend a function. Your name badge identifies you by name and as a Henderson, but a piece of tartan, a pin, or other Henderson jewelry will do. Land's End Henderson Tartan Flannel Shirts look great and are warm—we know the sett is a wee bit off, but they are our best alternative. Wear them if you are not in a kilt!



Order Form for Your Clan Henderson Name Badge

Please submit your order to:
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Please use this name on the badge: _____

Additional names: _____

My Address: _____

Enclosed is my check for \$10.00 times the number of badges requested.

My choice of background color: ☐ White ☐ Gray (Black Letters only)

A Sheep That Lived In Scotland.
Go back to page 17 and look at Jenna Henderson displaying her special book.

The book was a school project. She had the idea, wrote the book, prepared it in final form, dedicated it to "Mr. Rex," and now shares her project with the Clan.

Where will Beastie go next? If you are headed to or through Calgary, how about stopping for a visit with Andy and then offer to carry the beastie on to another region. Remember, the idea is to have Beastie travel around the regions eventually arriving at Grandfather Mountain for our 10th Anniversary AGM in July 1998.



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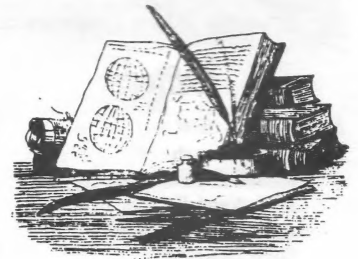
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The Western Highlands

Oh, how I miss the mountains, and the shining silver rivers
The hillsides clothed in purple heather
The mists that softly filled the glens.
I miss the rocky clifftops where the rivers fell
Pouring into deep dark pools
Where myths and legends still are told.
Still I see the harebells blowing gently in the wind
And on the moors the small white plumes of cotton grass.
Nuts and berries grew on hillsides warmed by autumn sun.
Then, when the mountain tops were deep in snow
The graceful deer came slowly down
Searching for food and shelter from the winter cold.
The shaggy Highland cattle standing lonely in the field
Bring memories of ancient battles and the sounds of war
Of oldtime raids and feuding clans
Of heroes, and the pipers playing sad laments
That tear the heart.....

Ah, these memories will never fade.

Netannis Henderson Kline



Do you want to join Clan Henderson, change your address, or renew your membership?

Please review the information on page 2, "The Do's and Don't's of Dues."

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